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C O N F I D E N T I A L SAIGON 4460

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT MILI VS
SUBJ: BOMBING OF PRESIDENTIAL PALACE SAIGON

1. AT APPROXIMATELY 0825 THIS MORNING ONE VNAF F-5 MADE TWO LOW LEVEL PASSES OVER THE PRESIDENTIAL PALACE AND DROPPED TWO BOMBS ON THE

PALACE GROUNDS. THE CLOSEST BOMB IMPACTED ABOUT 30 METERS FROM THE BUILDING. ONE OR TWO PEOPLE WERE INJURED BY FLYING GLASS. PRESIDENT THIEU WAS NOT HARMED AND IS CONDUCTING BUSINESS AS USUAL.

2. AS FAR AS WE CAN DETERMINE, THE BOMBING WAS AN ISOLATED ACT COMMITTED BY A DISGRUNTLED PILOT. THERE IS NO EVIDENCE TO SUGGEST THIS PART OF ORGANIZED COUP ATTEMPT. F-5 INVOLVED IN BOMBING WAS ONE OF TWO LAUNCHED FROM BIEN HOA FOR BOMBING SORTIE INTO BINH THUAN PROVINCE.

3. TWENTY-FOUR HOUR CURFEW RESTRICTION HAS BEEN IMPOSED IN SAIGON, BUT FROM DISCUSSIONS WE HAVE HAD WITH SENIOR GVN OFFICIALS WE EXPECT THIS RESTRICTION WILL BE LIFTED VERY SOON FOLLOWING ASSESSMENT OF SITUATION.
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